

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to make a number of editorial revisions, one of which was to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner. A substitute specification and abstract have been prepared and are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added. Enclosed is a marked-up copy of the specification and abstract indicating the changes incorporated therein.

Claim 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein and replaced with new claims 8-17.

New claims 8-14 are similar to original claims 1-7, respectively, and have been drafted so as to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As a result, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-17 contain further limitations of the hollow tube.

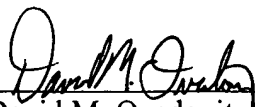
In addition, claims 8-17 have been drafted to make a number of editorial revisions. These revisions have been made to place the claims in better U.S. form. None of these revisions have been made to narrow the scope of protection of the claims, nor to address issues related to patentability and therefore, these revisions should not be construed as limiting the scope of equivalents of the claimed features offered by the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Claims 1-7 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter. It is apparent that new claims 8-17 should also be allowable for the same reasons as original claims 1-7.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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